

Minutes of the AGM of the British Universities Sailing Association held 2 April 1996 at New Hall College, Cambridge

BUSA Officers present:

Andy McKee	Chairman
Sasha Karakusevic	Vice President
Chris Simon	President
Nick Craig	Treasurer
Jono Pank	Publicity Officer
Nigel Scott	Senior Treasurer
Ed Smith	Team Captain
Tasha Hughes	Womens Captain

Member Sailing Clubs Represented:

Cambridge	Lucy Davey, Jane Bubb, Luke McEwen, Geoff Camm
Cardiff	Tasha Hughes
Edinburgh	Dottie Cormack
Exeter	Michael John Gifford
London	Helen Woodward, Andy Jones,
Manchester	Julian Mecklenburgh
Newcastle	Howard Lowe
Oxford	Freya Incedon, Ed Smith, Nicola Marshall, Fiona Bubb
Southampton	Chris Kameen, Mark Tait
Southampton Inst	Tomeaka McTaggart

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ian Walker Vice President, Sarah Godwin Hon. Secretary, Andy Green, Martin Smethers.

2. Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM, held 11 April 1995 at Connaught Hall, Southampton, having been previously circulated, were taken as read (proposed Ed Smith, seconded Chris Kameen). There were no matters arising.

3. Vice Presidents Report

Sasha had put together a grant application to the lottery sports fund from proposals made by individual universities. It had been turned down on two points:

Applicants should have a community use agreement in place - allowing public use of sports equipment minimum 40 hours per week!

Our application was made on a nationwide basis but sports grants are administered on a country basis (Scotland, Wales, England).

However it is worth keeping an eye on for the future.

The initial grant for a secretary from the Eric Twiname Memorial Trust ended in March. The trustees kindly agreed to continue funding at 100% for a further year and thereafter to reduce funding to 0 in stages.

4. Chairmans Report

See report attached. Also, as league matches become more hotly contested, holes in the rules are being revealed and the committee will be making changes to the league rules - to be published before the start of next year's matches.

A warning to clubs; fielding ineligible (ie non-student) team members has led to a two year ban on the university in other sports.

5. Treasurers Report

See accounts attached.

In order to cover the reduction in income from the Eric Twiname Memorial trust it is proposed to increase the BUSA subscription fee from £45 to £85 for the year 96/97 and then to £105 in the year 97/98.

This proposal prompted some discussion: It was suggested that some of the smaller clubs may struggle to find the subscription fee and so drop out of BUSA.

It was pointed out that if a club fielded just one team £85 represented £14 per team member for a year of racing which is not a lot.

BUSA should write to each Athletic/Sports Union to give notice of the rise and explain the reasons. A copy of the accounts showing the grant income and secretary expenses should be included since it gives a more accurate picture.

The increase in subscription was approved unanimously (proposed Julian Mecklenburgh, seconded Andy Jones).

The accounts were accepted unanimously (proposed Ed Smith, seconded Tasha Hughes).

6. Team Captains Report

The BUSA team had come 3rd in the selection trials for a British team at the IYRU Team Racing Worlds and had won the Wilson Trophy but the tour of the USA had been lost 3-1.

The Americans will be here next year (summer '97) and we owe them a good tour - good events and the best competition.

Ed is working on guidelines for team selection trials.

7. Womens Captain Report

Training/Trials were held at the beginning of the year but there was not much wind.

A group has been selected to attend keelboat training later in the year.

8. Elections And Appointments

See attached summary.

9. Womens League Competition

Should the women's leagues be based on wider geographical areas to give more womens teams in the leagues? The advantage being a better and more meaningful competition for the women.

SUSA currently have one womens league with 8 teams who have good competition.

One disadvantage would be that separate organisation of the leagues would be required and womens teams may be required to travel on different dates or to different venues from the first teams which.

It was decided to ask the committee to look at leagues and qualification for BUSA and come up with a system that will provide more and fairer competition for the womens teams (proposed Julian Mecklenburgh, seconded Chris Kameen).

10. Changes to Constitution

Changes to the Finance section of the General Regulations of the Constitution in order to bring them up to date were passed unanimously (proposed Tasha Hughes, seconded Tomeaka McTaggart):

Paragraph 4b, change to "Where a car is used, cost of petrol will be paid against receipts."

Paragraph 5, add "Where the Entry Fee includes food and accommodation, a proportion of the Entry Fee will be paid."

Elections for BUSA Committee

POST	NAME	PROPOSED	SECONDED	VOTES
Vice Pres	Andrew Green	Sasha	Andy McKee	
Vice Pres	Julian Mecklenburgh	Sasha	Andy Jones	
Captain	Andy Jones	Jono Pank	J Mecklenburgh	
Womens	Freya Incedon	Ed Smith	T McTaggart	7
Captain	Lucy Davey	H Woodward	Camilla Mynors	12
Chairman	Dotty Cormack	Andy McKee	Nigel Scott	
Treasurer	Andy McKee	Ed Smith	Chris Kameen	
Secretary	Geoff Camm	Nigel Scott	Andy McKee	
Publicity	Chris Kameen	Andy McKee	Ed Smith	

BUSA Accounts for 12/11/94 to 15/3/96

C/F	Current A/c	255.49
	Deposit A/c	2530.98

Income

Subscriptions '95	1710.00
Subscriptions '96	1845.00
BUSA '95	240.00
Southern league fees '95 & '96	132.00
Interest	80.81
Total	4007.81

Expenditure

BUSA Team Entry Fees	- Student Europeans	250.47
	- Wilson Trophy	400.00
	- London 6-pack	70.00
	- Ladies Nationals	42.50
BUSA Team Tour		1100.00
Committee Expenses		837.96
BUSA Team Trials		134.00
Trophies Insurance		76.88
RYA Subscriptions 95 & 96		70.00
Secretary Expenses		16.00
Total		2997.81

Surplus	1010.00
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Current A/c at 15/3/96	2490.91
Deposit A/c at 15/3/96	1305.56

